

# CHARGES U. S. COWERS LIKE A SCARED MOUSE

## Dodd Assails Failure to Act in Crisis

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Washington, Aug. 18 — The

danger of war has been increased by the weak and hesitant response of the western allies to the sealing off of East Berlin, Sen. Thomas J. Dodd [D., Conn.] told the Senate today.

"We have fortified Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev's beliefs that the west will 'chicken out' if he pushes things to the brink of a show-down," Dodd said.

Just returned from Berlin where he witnessed the disorders which followed closing of the frontier between East and West Berlin, Dodd said:

"Our protest was so weak, so toothless, so completely incommensurate with the crime that had been committed, it was nothing short of dangerous."

### Erred Over Hungary

Ever since United States apathy during the Hungarian revolution, Dodd said, our behavior has strengthened Khrushchev's conviction that the United States and its allies will not fight, if necessary, to defend the freedom of Berlin.

"There would have been no crisis in Berlin if we had been resolute in Hungary," he asserted. "We are paying also for our inaction in Laos, by our failure to back up the Cuban freedom fighters, for failing to resume nuclear testing."

"We stand like a mouse, petrified by a serpent that is about to devour it," Dodd said. "If war should erupt over Berlin, it would, in large part, be due to these failures to take action."

### Proposes 5 Measures

Dodd proposed five measures which, he said, would convince the Kremlin that "we mean business about Berlin." He called for resumption of nuclear tests "forthwith" if Russia persists in its demand for a veto over inspection and controls; immediate suspension of "the dangerous folly" of shipments of machine tools and chemical processing equipment to the communist block; recall of American ambassadors from Red satellite countries; "a massive airlift" of newspaper men to Berlin to see conditions there; and a United Nations investigation of the question of self-determination for the German people.

"I am completely opposed to the proposal that the entire matter of Berlin be referred to the United Nations for settlement," he said. "It would be an abdication of sovereignty over the conduct of our foreign affairs."

"But the issue is bound to come before the U. N. and I think we, rather than the Communists, should take the initiative by asking the general assembly to look into the Kremlin's violation of German rights and its arbitrary and brutal action in cutting the city of Berlin in half."

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